

Lowell Public Schools

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Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent Lowell Public Schools 155 Merrimack Street Lowell, MA 01852

Re: 2019 National Youth entrepreneurship Challenge, NYC

Dear Dr. Boyd:

I am writing to request permission for Jill Taylor to attend the 2019 National NFTE Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge in New York City from Tuesday, October 15-Thursday, October 17, 2019 to accompany student and NFTE New England representative <u>Caitlin McNamara</u> of Lowell High School as she competes in the 2019 National Challenge.

On Wednesday, October 16, 2019, NFTE students from across the U.S. who qualified to compete in the National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge will take the stage at NFTE's annual National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge. This year's event, presented by the Citi Foundation and EY, with help from PayPal, is taking place at The Times Center in New York City.

The Challenge is one of NFTE's signature events and our most high-profile business plan competition of the year. It culminates with the top three students in the country competing in front of a live audience and panel of VIP judges for a chance to win \$25,000 in prizes, plus \$15,000 from the David D. Smith Family Foundation, to grow their business or pursue educational goals.

The evening will begin at 7 p.m. with a reception and youth entrepreneur showcase. Guests will be able to meet, learn about, and in some cases purchase products from NFTE student businesses.

The cost of the conference is being paid for through NFTE New England Funds; however the cost to the school district is 3 substitutes for \$330.00.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Marianne E. Busteed

Head of Lowell High School